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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Judith E. Kimble, et al.
Serial No.: 09/663,805
Filed: September 15, 2000
For: ASSAYS FOR MODULATORS OF PROLYL-4-HYDROXYLASE
Group Art Unit: 1632
Examiner: R. Shukla

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the September 25, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants request that the following remarks and amendments be entered.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10, 11, 13, 14, 19 and 20.

1. (Amended) A method for evaluating a test compound's ability to modulate prolyl-4-hydroxylase (P4H), comprising the steps of:

(a) introducing a test compound into a test chimeric *Caenorhabditis elegans*, a P4H-gene modified *Caenorhabditis elegans*, or a wild-type *Caenorhabditis elegans*, wherein the test chimeric *Caenorhabditis elegans*

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